



**Outside Counsel
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/29/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an outside counsel contract with TRAVIS WILLIAMSON & ASSOCIATES, Austin, Texas for legal services regarding Cause No. A-05-CA-287-SS; *Jessie Lee Owens, Jr., Deceased by Barbara Shorts, Mother and Representative of Estate and Jessie Lee Owens, Sr., Father v. City of Austin, Stan Knee as Chief of Police, Officer Scott Glasgow, In Their Official and Individual Capacities*, in the United States District Court, Western District, Austin Division (concerns alleged use of excessive force)

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$133,250.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Liability Reserve Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Law
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Anne Morgan**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Morgan, Assistant City Attorney, 974-2505

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

Council is requested to approve outside counsel fees and expenses up to \$133,250.00 for the services of Travis Williamson, Travis Williamson & Associates, Austin, Texas for representation in the lawsuit styled Cause No. A-05-CA-287-SS; *Jessie Lee Owens, Jr., Deceased by Barbara Shorts, Mother and Representative of Estate and Jessie Lee Owens, Sr., Father v. City of Austin, Stan Knee as Chief of Police, Officer Scott Glasgow, In Their Official and Individual Capacities*. Payment authority of up to \$133,250.00 is necessary to pay anticipated fees through the end of the next fiscal year.